

# LEONARDITE PRODUCTS-LLC

July 8, 2015

James R. Deutsch, Director  
Reclamation Division  
Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Director Deutsch,

Attached is the Leonardite Products application and supporting documents for GRGR 0501, Stony Creek Mine Renewal.

The proposed public notice is in this package. You'll find the copy and a graphic on two separate pages. Pending approval we will run this in the Williston Herald for four consecutive weeks in the public notices.

## Legal Requirements

Pages L-1, L-3 and L-4 have been updated. The omission of the archeological feature has been explained due to Revision 6, the deleted parcel. The surface ownership around the mine has not changed. The ownership percentages have changed although the owners have not.

## Environmental Resources

Table E-1 has been update to reflect the estimated mining and removal of topsoil, subsoil and spoil.

E-2 addressed the archeological site. E-7 corrects and included the year the permit area was rezoned.

## Operations Plan

The Operations plan was updated on pages O-1 and O-2 as well as the mining sequence, Table O-1. The typo on the waiver, O-7 has been corrected and is included.

Reclamation Plan

Page R-2 has been cleaned up. The Reclamation costs have been estimated for the worst case and can be found on pages R-7 and R-8.

Exhibits

The 2015 Insurance Liability Certificate, dated 12/31/2014 is enclosed.

Maps

I am including updated copies of Maps B, C, D, G, H and I.

I did not include Maps A and E-3, as we do not have a map labeled as such. I am assuming you would like an aerial photo and changes to Figure A-3. In the interest of time, I am submitting this now and will wait for confirmation to collect this information.

I would like to discuss the collateral bond pending review of this application.

For your convenience, I am including a CD of the redlined pages and the final copies included in this report.

Thank you for your consideration.

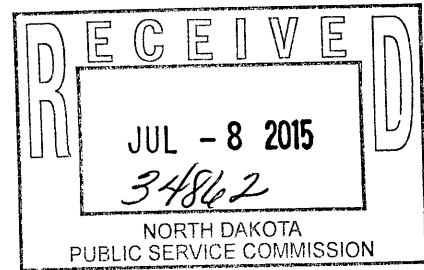
Regards,

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**Renewal Application**

**Stony Creek Mine GRGR-0501**  
**Section 8, Township 154N, Range 100W**  
**Williams County**  
**111.15 acres**

Dear Director Deutsch,

Leonardite Products is applying for a renewal of mining permit GRGR 0501 for an additional five years expiring in 2020. The current five year permit term expires November 2, 2015.

Leonardite Products would like to continue mining the commercial leonardite found in this permit area. The past five years have seen steady growth in our mining operations and with an update to our processing area, we expect to increase activity through 2021 when we believe we will complete excavation of the available commercial leonardite in this mining permit.

In the past five years, due to the surface owners' request, we have deleted two parcels from the original mining plan. These parcels were approved with revisions 4 and 6. The mining sequence and schedule has been altered in the last five years to accommodate the surface owners' requests for post mine use.

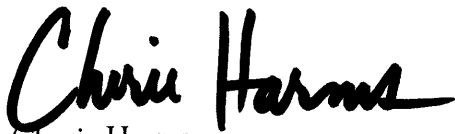
The mining and reclamation sequence has been revised with proposed Revision # 7 submitted with this application. Reclamation of two to three subareas will be reclaimed in 2016 and 2018. In addition to the landowner's request as mentioned above, the change in sequence has been made for efficiency of contracted equipment and labor.

In the material submitted with this application is a proposed public notice to be placed in the Williston Herald and the 2015 Certificate of Insurance. This ad will be placed as soon as the PSC has approved the graphic and wording of the notice.

Currently, First National Bank and Trust of Williston holds a \$170,015 Collateral Bond. The reclamation costs for the next five years have been estimated in Revision #7. Leonardite Products is aware the amount of that bond may be changed pending approval of Revision #7.

Thank you for your consideration.

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